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Council on Aging Minutes 03/21/2002

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

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Richard Murray, Chair
Mary Dodge, Vice-Chair
Town of Arlington
Shirley Chapski, Secretary
Regular Meeting of the Council on Aging

March 21, 2002
MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Murray, Mary Dodge, Mildred Hurd, Hannah Simon, Harry McCabe and Shirley Chapski.

Members Absent: Robert Bowes, Dottie Nicholas, and Phil Mercandetti.

Others Present: Patsy Kraemer, Director Human Resources, Town of Arlington; John Jope, COA Executive Director; and Lynne McCluskey, COA Transportation.

Quorum Identification/Call to Order: Richard Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum of 6 was present.

Minutes of the February 21, 2002 Meeting: It was MSV to receive the minutes. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes with the following amendments: p.1 Minutes of the January 24, 2002 Meeting:, line 1: delete "as written" after the word "minutes." Paragraph 7, lines 3 and 4: delete "Harry moved that we endorse Ms. Friedman as our representative to the Symmes Advisory Committee subject to her presenting herself to the Board at her convenience," and line 5: delete "Hannah seconded the motion." Page 2, paragraph 2, RUOK..., line 1: delete "he and" after the words "reported that." All in favor to accept the minutes, as amended.

REPORTS

•Transportation Study Report: Patsy Kraemer spoke on van service for FY03. Additional information on the suggested scenarios presented at last month's board meeting was provided and it was agreed that the matter be referred to a joint meeting of the Finance and Transportation Committees to be held April 5, 2002.

Executive Director's Report:

•EOEA Board training will take place at the Burlington Council on Aging

on April 9 from 9-12.

- Article in March 21, 2002 Arlington Advocate highlighting remarks of State Rep. Jay Kaufman a speaker at the recent legislative breakfast in Burlington.
- Decreased funding on the state level from \$5 to \$4.93 per elder will result in decreased Formula Grant funding (based on year 2000 census). Last year we received \$51,600 in Formula Grant funding; this coming year we will receive \$43,793--\$7,807 less for Arlington COA. John recommended to the board that we reduce our fair share contribution to Minutemen next year and use those funds to cover the social worker's and nurse's salaries otherwise their hours would probably have to be reduced. Richard asked John to find out how Minuteman, with state budget cuts, is going to survive if the COAs start cutting their fair share. Matter tabled for next month's board meeting.
- Community Interfaith Breakfast to be held on Friday, April 12, 2002. Harry moved to purchase up to ten tickets, Mildred seconded. All in favor but Mary opposed.
- ASACOA Volunteer Luncheon preliminary meeting to be held on April 11. Shirley offered to serve on the committee. Harry moved to set up a budget of \$600 for the Annual Volunteer Luncheon, Hannah seconded. All in favor.
- Election of officers will take place at May board meeting.

Finance Committee:

- Under CDBG Accounts on the financial report there is a shortfall of \$2200 in the ADHC Scholarship fund but John has requested additional funding for this program from the Town CDBG Administrator and it has been granted.
- Sevoyan Bequest funds not listed on finance report. John said when he has received it, he will mail out copies to the Board.

Recess: Mary Dodge moved to recess in order to hold a meeting of the Sevoyan Bequest Committee; Shirley seconded; all in favor.

Sevoyan Bequest Committee (SBC): SBC Chairman, Harry McCabe, recommended to the Council the accepted and approved votes of the January 8, 2002 meeting. The first vote being the allocation of up to \$10,000 from the Charles Sevoyan Charitable Trust fund to establish a dental reimbursement program for low-income elders, who meet certain guidelines, provided that the Council approve a written proposal for such a dental program which will be drafted by John Jope and his staff and presented to the Council for approval. Mary seconded the motion.

Hannah moved to amend the motion by eliminating the language following the words "provided that..." and substitute "to be administered as outlined in the plan presented by the Executive Director on January 24, 2002." Shirley seconded the motion. After discussion, Hannah withdrew the her motion.

Harry said the January 24, 2002 document on a dental subsidy program raises a lot of questions that need to be answered. The intent of the vote to recommend funds from the said Trust is contingent on a plan the Council approves of.

After further discussion, Richard asked for a substitute motion. Hannah moved to allocate from the Charles Sevoyan Charitable Trust Fund up to \$10,000 for a Dental Care Subsidy Program for low income elders to be administered by the COA Director for one year with monthly reports to the Council. Richard seconded the motion. No vote taken.

Harry moved that the meeting be adjourned, Mary seconded. Majority in favor.

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Shirley Chapski,
Council Secretary